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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SECURITY FORCES CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED TWO
OF ELIM MASSACRE GUERRILLAS

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF AUGUST 12 STATE THAT THE
RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED TWO OF THE
GUERRILLAS WHO TOOK PART IN THE ELIM MISSION MASSACRE.
REPORTERS WERE FLOWN TO THE SITE OF A CONTACT THAT TOOK
PLACE ON AUGUST 10 IN THE ZIMUNAY TRIBAL TRUST LAND ABOUT
35 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE ELIM MISSION. THERE THEY WERE
REPORTEDLY SHOWN TWO BODIES AND THEN READ EXCERPTS OF A
DIARY ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM ONE MAN.

2. THE DIARY IS REPORTED TO HAVE DESCRIBED THE ELIM MISSION
ATTACK IN DETAIL. THE RATIONALE FOR THE MASSACRE REPORTEDLY
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WAS "IN REMEMBRANCE" OF GUERRILLAS KILLED BY RHODESIAN
SECURITY FORCES. THE "IMMEDIATE ENEMY" WAS DESCRIBED AS
IMPERIALISM REPRESENTED BY BRITISH AND U.S. INTERESTS AND WHITE
RHODESIAN SETTLERS WHO WERE TRYING TO ENTRENCH
CAPITALISM. THE DIARY IS REPORTED TO HAVE ALSO
LISTED THE AIMS OF ZANU AND NAMED MAGUBE AS THE DIARIST'S
LEADER. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVIDENCE CLEARLY SHOWED

THE MASSACRE WAS CARRIED OUT BY MAGABE'S ZANLA.
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